

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Camping
Fishing – Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting, and dog training activities.

- No littering. No waste containers are provided. All trash should be removed from the area.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas. All fires must be attended at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting. Special-use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding is allowed on roads open to vehicles and on designated trails or by special-use permit. Commercially-operated trail rides are prohibited.
- Primitive camping is permitted in spots designated on the area map and with a special-use permit issued by the area manager. Contact the Southwest Regional Office at (417) 895-6880.
- Bicycling is allowed on service roads, roads open to vehicles, and designated trails.
- For safety reasons target shooting is permitted only at the shooting range. Rifle range is closed every Monday for maintenance.
- Caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and methods except: only archery and muzzleloading methods may be used.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

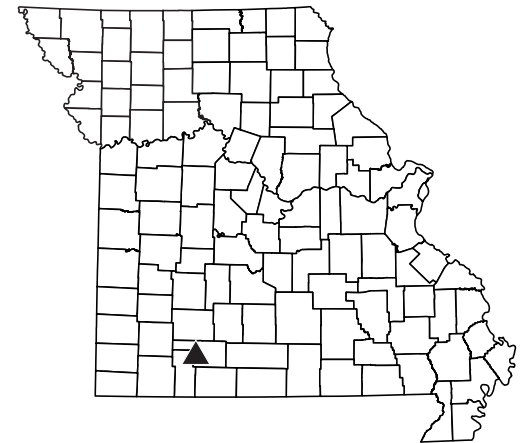
Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area is on Highway 65 eighteen miles south of Springfield.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N. Mayfair
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 895-6880

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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